

1 In the Claims:

2 1. A method for highlighting portions of information of an electronic book displayed  
3 on a viewer, comprising:

4 displaying a portion of the electronic book on the viewer;

5 receiving a request from the subscriber to highlight selected information of the  
6 electronic book;

7 displaying a task bar for use in receiving the request; and

8 highlighting at least a portion of the electronic book based upon the subscriber's  
9 request.

10 2. The method of claim 1, further including displaying the highlighted portion of the  
11 electronic book.

12 3. A method for cutting information and pasting the information into an electronic  
13 book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

14 receiving a first request from the subscriber to cut selected information from an  
15 information source;

16 removing and saving the selected information from the information source;

17 receiving a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information  
18 into an electronic book; and

19 inserting the selected information into the electronic book based upon the  
20 subscriber's second request.

21 4. The method of claim 3, further including displaying a task bar for use in receiving  
22 the first and second requests.

23 5. A method for copying information and pasting the information into an electronic  
24 book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

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1 receiving a first request from the subscriber to copy selected information from an  
2 information source;  
3 copying and saving the selected information from the information source;  
4 receiving a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information  
5 into the electronic book; and  
6 inserting the selected information into the electronic book based upon the  
7 subscriber's second request.

8 6. The method of claim 5, further including displaying a task bar for use in receiving  
9 the first and second requests.

10 7. A method for annotating text of an electronic book displayed on a viewer,  
11 comprising:  
12 displaying a portion of the electronic book on a viewer;  
13 receiving a request from the subscriber to annotate the displayed portion of the  
14 electronic book;  
15 displaying a task bar for use in receiving the request;  
16 receiving annotation information; and  
17 associating the annotation information with the electronic book based upon the  
18 subscriber's request.

19 8. The method of claim 7, further including displaying the annotation information  
20 along with the displayed portion of the electronic book.

21 9. The method of claim 8, further including permitting the subscriber to move a  
22 location of the annotation information within the electronic book.

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1 10. A method for annotating text of the electronic book displayed on a viewer,  
2 comprising:

3 displaying a portion of the electronic book on the viewer;

4 receiving annotation information and a request from the subscriber to annotate the  
5 displayed portion of the electronic book;

6 associating the annotation information with the electronic book based upon the  
7 subscriber's request;

8 displaying the annotation information along with the displayed portion of the  
9 electronic book; and

10 permitting the subscriber to move a location of the annotation information within  
11 the electronic book.

12 11. A method for simultaneously displaying selected pages of an electronic book  
13 displayed on a viewer, comprising:

14 receiving a request from the subscriber for simultaneously displaying at least a  
15 portion of any plurality of pages of the electronic book as selected by the subscriber;

16 formatting the selected pages for simultaneous display; and

17 simultaneously displaying the portions of the selected pages on the viewer.

18 12. The method of claim 11, further including displaying a task bar for use in  
19 receiving the request.

20 13. A method for displaying at least one selected page of an electronic book displayed  
21 on a viewer having a plurality of screens, comprising:

22 receiving a request from the subscriber for displaying at least one page of the  
23 electronic book on the viewer;

24 formatting the selected page for display on the screens of the viewer; and

25 providing the selected page for display across the screens of the viewer.

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1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the formatting step includes formatting the page  
2 for display on three screens.

3 15. The method of claim 13, further including displaying a task bar for use in  
4 receiving the request.

5 16. The method of claim 13, wherein the formatting step includes enlarging the page  
6 for proportional display across the screens.

7 17. The method of claim 13, wherein:  
8 the receiving step includes receiving a request for displaying a plurality of pages;  
9 and  
10 the formatting step includes reducing the pages for proportional display across the  
11 screens.

12 18. The method of claim 13, further including detecting a number of screens within  
13 the viewer.

14 19. The method of claim 18, wherein:  
15 the detecting step includes detecting a change in the number of screens of the  
16 viewer; and  
17 the formatting step includes reformatting the selected page for display based upon  
18 the detecting.

19 20. A method for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of the  
20 electronic book and content from an information source, comprising:  
21 receiving a request from the subscriber for displaying at least a portion the  
22 electronic book and content from an information source;

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1 formatting the portion of the electronic book and the content from the information  
2 source for simultaneous display; and  
3 simultaneously displaying the portion of the electronic book and the content from  
4 the information source.

5 21. The method of claim 20, further including displaying a task bar for use in  
6 receiving the request.

7 22. The method of claim 20, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the  
8 content from the information source as an inset image within the displayed portion of the  
9 electronic book.

10 23. The method of claim 22, further including permitting the subscriber to move a  
11 location of the displayed inset image.

12 24. The method of claim 22, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the  
13 portion of the electronic book as wrapping around the displayed content from the  
14 information source.

15 25. The method of claim 20, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the  
16 portion of the electronic book and the content from the information source as side-by-side  
17 images.

18 26. The method of claim 20, further including reversing a position of the displayed  
19 portion of the electronic book and the content from the information source.

20 27. The method of claim 20, wherein the receiving step includes receiving a video  
21 signal as the content from the information source.

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1 31. The apparatus of claim 30, further including a section module that displays the  
2 highlighted portion of the electronic book.

3 32. An apparatus for cutting information and pasting the information into an  
4 electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

5 an image cut module that receives a first request from the subscriber to cut  
6 selected information from an information source;

7 an image save module that removes and saves the selected information from the  
8 information source;

9 an image paste module that receives a second request from the subscriber to paste  
10 the selected information into an electronic book; and

11 an image insert module that inserts the selected information into the electronic  
12 book based upon the subscriber's second request.

13 33. The apparatus of claim 32, further including a task module that displays a task bar  
14 for use in receiving the first and second requests.

15 34. An apparatus for copying information and pasting the information into an  
16 electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

17 an image copy module that receives a first request from the subscriber to copy  
18 selected information from an information source;

19 an image save module that copies and saves the selected information from the  
20 information source;

21 an image paste module that receives a second request from the subscriber to paste  
22 the selected information into an electronic book; and

23 an image insert module that inserts the selected information into the electronic  
24 book based upon the subscriber's second request.

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1 an annotation display module that displays the annotation information along with  
2 the displayed portion of the electronic book; and

3 an annotation move module that permits the subscriber to move a location of the  
4 annotation information within the electronic book.

5 40. An apparatus for simultaneously displaying selected pages of an electronic book  
6 displayed on a viewer, comprising:

7 a command module that receives a request from the subscriber for simultaneously  
8 displaying at least a portion of any plurality of pages of the electronic book as selected  
9 by the subscriber;

10 a format module that formats the selected pages for simultaneous display; and

11 a display module that simultaneously displays the portions of the selected pages  
12 on the viewer.

13 41. The apparatus of claim 40, further including a task module that displays a task bar  
14 for use in receiving the request.

15 42. An apparatus for displaying at least one selected page of an electronic book  
16 displayed on a viewer having a plurality of screens, comprising:

17 a command module that receives a request from the subscriber for displaying at  
18 least one page of an electronic book on the viewer;

19 a format module that formats the selected page for display on the screens of the  
20 viewer; and

21 a display module that provides the selected page for display across the screens of  
22 the viewer.

23 43. The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the format module includes a multiple page  
24 format module that formats the page for display on three screens.

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1 50. The apparatus of claim 49, further including a task module that displays a task bar  
2 for use in receiving the request.

3 51. The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the display module displays the content from  
4 the information source as an inset image within the displayed portion of the electronic  
5 book.

6 52. The apparatus of claim 51, further including an image move module that permits  
7 the subscriber to move a location of the displayed inset image.

8 53. The apparatus of claim 51 wherein the display module displays the portion of the  
9 electronic book as wrapping around the displayed content from the information source.

10 54. The apparatus of claim 49 wherein the display module displays the portion of the  
11 electronic book and the content from the information source as side-by-side images.

12 55. The apparatus of claim 49, further including a reverse image module that reverses  
13 a position of the displayed portion of the electronic book and the content from the  
14 information source.

15 56. The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the command module includes a receiving  
16 module that receives a video signal as the content from the information source.

17 57. An apparatus for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an  
18 electronic book and content from an information source, comprising:  
19 a command module that receives a request from the subscriber for displaying at  
20 least a page of an electronic book and content from an information source;

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1 a format module that formats the page of the electronic book and the content from  
2 the information source for simultaneous display, including:

3 a first display module that displays the content from the information  
4 source as an inset image within the page of the electronic book; and

5 a page format module that formats the page of the electronic book to  
6 display a portion of the page otherwise concealed by the inset image; and

7 a second display module that simultaneously displays the page of the electronic  
8 book and the content from the information source.

9 58. The apparatus of claim 57, further including:

10 an image move module that permits the subscriber to move the inset image to a  
11 new location within the page of the electronic book; and

12 a reformat module that reformats the page of the electronic book, upon detecting  
13 the new location of the inset image, to display the portion of the page otherwise  
14 concealed by the inset image.

15 59. An apparatus that manipulates images in an electronic book viewer, comprising:

16 a display that displays a portion of an electronic book, wherein the portion of the  
17 electronic book is displayed as an image comprising one or more of text, graphics, data,  
18 information, still video and moving video;

19 a control that receives a command to manipulate the portion of the electronic  
20 book;

21 a processor that interprets the commands, the processor causing the display to  
22 alter the image provided by the portion of the electronic book; and

23 a memory that stores the altered image.

24 60. The apparatus of claim 59, further comprising a task bar, the task bar including  
25 commands that can be used to manipulate the images.

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1 61. The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the commands include one or more of  
2 highlight, cut, paste, zoom, and rescale.

3 62. The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the command includes a command to display  
4 a picture-in-picture image.

5 63. The apparatus of claim 60, wherein the picture-in-picture image is displayed in  
6 a window in the display.

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8 64. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the window is scalable.

9 65. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the window is provided in a side-by-side  
10 format.

11 66. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein multiple windows are provided.

12 67. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the portion of the electronic book displays  
13 text, and wherein the text wraps around the window.

14 68. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the picture-in-picture image is one or more  
15 of a video feed, a television program, a data signal from a personal computer, voice-to-  
16 text translation from a telephone message, and an Internet web page.

17 69. The apparatus of claim 68, wherein the television program is provided by one of  
18 a set top terminal, a video tape recorder tuner, a video connector, a personal computer,  
19 a telephone system, an Internet and a television broadcast.

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1 70. The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the picture-in-picture image is manipulated  
2 by selecting the window and by selecting all of or a portion of the picture-in-picture  
3 image for manipulation.

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5 71. The apparatus of claim 59, further comprising one or more additional displays,  
6 the one or more additional displays capable of connection to the electronic book viewer,  
7 wherein the processor manipulates the image to display separate sections of the image on  
8 each of the display and the one or more additional displays.

9 72. The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the commands are entered using one or more  
10 of a wired keyboard, a wireless keyboard and a soft keyboard.

11 73. The apparatus of claim 72, wherein the one or more additional displays comprise  
12 hinges, wherein the one or more additional displays fold in a same manner as pages in a  
13 book.

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